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2012 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 5

Fall Announcement # 5, District 1 Commercial Period 3

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The projected fall chum salmon run size is greater than 900,000 fish. This level of abundance should be adequate to meet escapement and subsistence priorities and provide for commercial harvest. The cumulative passage of fall chum salmon past Pilot Station sonar through July 21 is 86,000 fish, which is above average for that date. The cumulative commercial harvest in District 1 through July 21 is 27,540 fall chum salmon. Additional commercial harvest at this time should not negatively impact fall chum escapement or subsistence harvest.

District Y-1

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in the **Coastal Set Net Only Area** of District Y-1 on Monday, July 23, from 1:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. This will be a 9-hour commercial fishing period for the **Coastal Set Net Only Area** with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh.

The remainder of District Y-1 will be open to commercial fishing on Monday, July 23, from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh.

For the entire District Y-1, no Chinook salmon can be sold during this commercial opening. Fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or use them for subsistence purposes. **Chinook salmon caught but not sold must be reported on fish tickets.**

In District Y-1, subsistence salmon fishing is open during the fall season for 7 days per week, except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches. In District Y-1 subsistence salmon fishing will close at 1:00 a.m. Monday, July 23, and reopen at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 24.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 949-1731 or 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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